(c) The existing Management Information System of Reserve Bank of India does not maintain the data in the desired form.

Aid from ADB

3016. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank (ADB) proposes to advance $ 2 million aid for India's core sector development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far will this help to speed up infrastructure development in Private Partnership (PP) mode, with specific reference to Orissa and Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) A technical assistance (TA) project amounting to $ 2 million has been approved by Asian Development Bank (ADB). The TA aims to strengthen the capacity of 14 State Governments in identifying, appraising, and developing public-private-partnership (PPP) projects. Orissa is one of the 14 states covered under this TA. This TA is also helping in strengthening nodal PPP cells in 14 states which are assisting State Government staff for developing financially viable PPP projects.

Planned and non-planned expenditure

3017. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government considers distinction of allocations as Planned and Non-Planned expenditure as dysfunctional as Stated in the Economic Survey;

(b) if so, the reasons for retaining such category in all the Demands for Grants for various Ministries and Departments;

(c) whether Government proposes to do away with such classifications; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) The Eleventh Five Year Plan proposes to address many outstanding issues that have emerged over the years with the changing structure of Centre, State financial relations, such as, distinction between Plan and Non-Plan expenditure, revenue and capital expenditure, etc. These issues have been highlighted in the form of a box in the Economic Survey 2007-08 to generate debate and discussion.

(c) and (d) At present there in no proposal to do away with the current system of classification of items of expenditure.

Help from ADB in infrastructure sector

3018. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: